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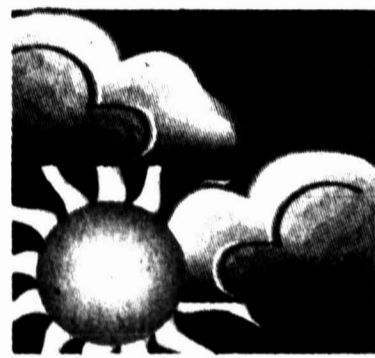


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**PAMPA** — Election of officers and a report on investments will highlight the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. The chief appraiser's report will also be presented at the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Gray County Appraisal District conference room, 815 N. Sumner.

**PAMPA** — Pampa High School Class of 1955 is seeking the whereabouts of the following former classmates: Jeri Archer (Lloyd), Peggy Bicknell, Dolores Bopham (Roberts), Leon Bradshaw, Frank Brockman, Joan Brothers, Ben Maresh Cartwright, Jerry Collins (Turner), Clinton Cooper, Sandra Jean Hollis (Velasquez), Bob Peacock, Jerrel Richardson, Muriel Rittenhouse (Thomas W.W.), Shirley Watkins (Winters Merle). If you have any information, contact Donna Acker, 669-2024, or Leona Willis, 665-8269.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A former Galveston man arrested in South Carolina last week has been indicted for the slaying of one of his neighbors in Texas.

Charles Preston Blackwell, 42, under indictment on Friday, based on statements from South Carolina witnesses and forensic evidence that prosecutors believe tie Blackwell to the killing.

Dillon died from massive head wounds believed to have been caused by a 10-pound dumbbell found next to his body.

• **Grady F. Havenhill, 80**, retired Amoco Production Company employee.

• **Herma Louise Beckham Ogle, 82**, former auto dealership employee.

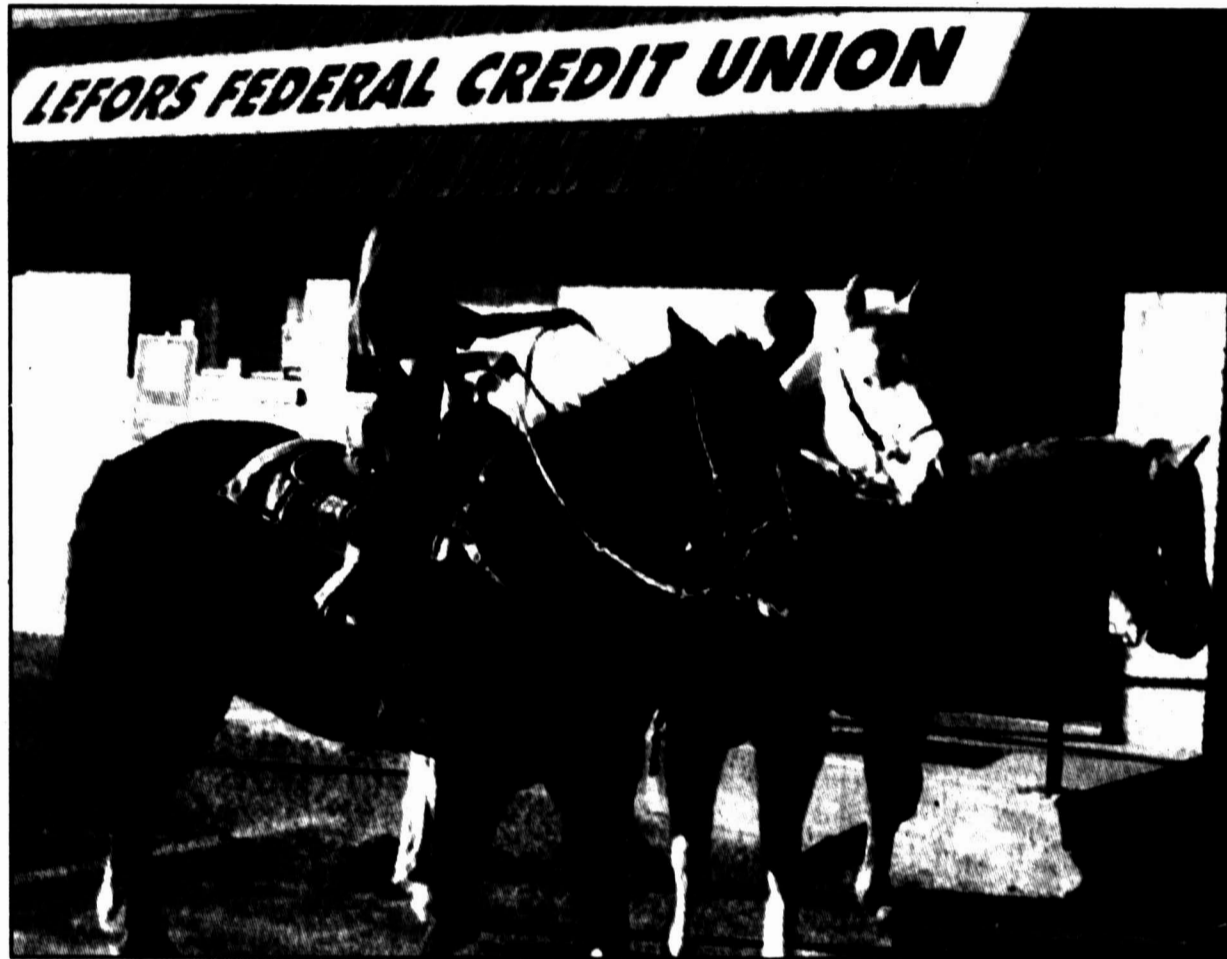
• **Patricio 'Patrick' Francisco Martinez, 21**, construction worker.

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**Giddy Up! Shayley Morriss, along with her brother Andrew and their mother, rode from home to the Lefors Federal Credit Union on horseback — It was too nice a day to travel any other way.**

## Pampan electrocuted in construction mishap

An industrial accident claimed the life of a Pampa resident Monday while working on a construction project in Gillette, Wyo. Patrick Martinez, 21, was one of two men electrocuted Monday as he and another employee were moving a pipe. The men came too close to an electrical line and it arced off a line to a pipe causing the injuries to the men, according to one of Patrick's brothers, Martin Martinez. Martin said Patrick died enroute to a hospital. The brother said Patrick had lived in Amarillo the past year. His parents are Carlos Martinez, Sr. of Pampa and Petra Martinez of Amarillo. Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors is in charge of services. See obituary on Page 2.

## Roach discusses second DA effort

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor



**Rick Roach**  
eral election. He said he later dropped it. Republicans Phil Pendleton (See ROACH, Page 2)

Rick Roach, a Republican candidate in the March 14 primary for district attorney, didn't attend last week's candidate forum held in Canadian. While he said he had a prior commitment, Roach also said there was a significant rift between he and Laurie Ezzell Brown, organizer of the forum. She is editor of the Canadian newspaper in Hemphill County. He said he didn't see where it would lead to anything positive for him to attend any function she sponsored.

Roach filed a lawsuit against Ezzell following the 1996 gen-

## Pair charged for motel damage

A young married couple is free on bond after having been arrested earlier this week for damages they allegedly caused to a Pampa motel room.

Charles Eric Wood, 19, and Rebecca Irene Wood, 18, both of 1031 N. Sumner, were arrested Monday for alleged damages to a room at the Sagebrush Motel on East Frederic that they had lived in for six months.

"We've had run-ins with them before, mainly petty stuff," Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Dallas Hardin said.

According to Gray County Sheriff's Department records, the motel room had a large hole in a wall, a small wooden table-top was removed from a table, a bed mattress was soiled past the point of repair, a microwave was damaged, and several items were missing.

Items missing, according to the report, included the following: a bedspread, a top sheet, several blankets, a liquid soap dispenser, several bath towels, several hand towels, and some washcloths. Damages and stolen items amount to \$250.

The couple left the room Jan. 19, after living there six months. The couple were arraigned Tuesday morning and released on bonds. She had a \$750 bond, and he had a \$1,000 bond.

## Carson to get vehicles, courtroom improvement

By KEITH ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

Busy Carson County commissioners accepted two bids for new vehicles, and approved a new insurance policy as part of a full agenda this week.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of two new surveillance cameras, approved acoustical changes to the courtroom, agreed to pay an indigent health claim, and approved a grant application from District Attorney Randall Sims at the Monday meeting.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a 1990 Peterbilt truck for precinct 2. Reserve funds were moved to the equipment budget. Commissioners accepted a bid of \$35,750 from Bruckner Sales for a 1998 Mack tractor/truck rig for precinct 1.

The Texas Association of Counties recommended that health insurance coverage be paired to law enforcement coverage, and TAC bid \$6,500.26 to provide the insurance coverage to Carson County employees. Commissioners accepted the bid.

The court approved the purchase of two new surveillance cameras for Carson County law enforcement vehicles.

Judge Lewis Powers recommended acoustical changes to the court room, citing the difficulty of hearing in the rear of the court room.

Commissioner Jerry Strawn made the motion to place panels made of crushed sponge rock throughout the court room. The motion for the improvement carried.

Perdue Acoustics/ Lamb Soft Sound of Amarillo will make the modifications at a cost of \$3,437.36. The project will be funded with money from the capital improvements budget.

The court agreed to pay \$2,100 in pharmaceutical bills owed by Joe Hinkle. Hinkle had lost medical insurance benefits after a liver transplant operation.

District Attorney Randall Sims asked the court to approve a victim's assistance grant application. The grant would send \$30,000 a year to his office to fund the position that is currently being held by his secretary. The court agreed to endorse the application.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper briefed the court on the payment in lieu of taxes (PILET) program. The program is an arrangement Carson County worked out with Pantex over back-taxes owed.

Sheriff Gary Robertson asked commissioners' approval to hire Michael Fox to fill the vacant deputy position and Rosalind Cox, Dustie Welch, and William Shettfield for part-time jailer/dispatchers. Commissioners gave approval to the hirings.

The Carson County Commissioners Court meets again Feb. 28.

## Accident stats for Jan.

Six vehicle accidents resulted in injuries in January. The number is average — there were 74 injury accidents in 1999, or 6.16 injury accidents per month.

Pampa Police report 20 vehicle accidents in January that did not result in injuries. That number is above the 1999 average of 15.7 non-injury accidents per month. (There were 188 non-injury accidents in 1999.)

No vehicular accident-related deaths were reported in January.

**Don't forget Friday's Images photo con-**



**Kit Neumann, coordinator of the Museum Services for the Texas Historical Commission, goes over the agenda for the Tuesday museum seminar with Dr. Dawson Orr, president of the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board. Neumann conducted the seminar Tuesday at the local museum for about 20 local volunteer and staff members.**

## Congratulations To The Valentines Day Coloring Contest Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place • Meredith Coutts • 10 years old • Travis Elementary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place • Cambree Moreno • 7 years old • Travis Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place • Crystal Blanco • 9 years old • Woodrow Wilson Elementary

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**MARTINEZ, Patricio "Patrick" Francisco** - Vigil services, 7:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**OGLE, Herma Louise** - 2 p.m., Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

### GRADY F. HAVENHILL

Grady F. Havenhill, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Havenhill was born July 4, 1919, in Harmon County, Okla., to Schuyler and Daisy Preuitt Havenhill. He married Mary Berniece Bailey on July 3, 1941, at Texola, Okla. He lived in Pampa and then Woodward, Okla., for 13 years respectively. He had been a Pampa resident for the past 25 years. He was a pumper for Amaco Production Company, retiring in 1982 after 34 years of service.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during World War II in China, Burma and India.

He belonged to Highland Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Berniece; a son, Gene Havenhill of Tyler; a sister, Viola Carlton of Twitty; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109; or Hospice BSA, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

### PATRICIO 'PATRICK' FRANCISCO MARTINEZ

Patricio "Patrick" Francisco Martinez, 21, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at Gillette, Wyo. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whalley Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Martinez was born March 28, 1978, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, attending Pampa High School. He worked for Okemah Construction, Inc., in Okemah, Okla., for several months.

He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his father, Carlos Martinez, Sr., of Pampa; his mother, Petra Martinez of Amarillo; eight sisters, Teresa Rodgers of Joshua, Silvia Martinez of Amarillo, Martha Ramey of Las Vegas, Nev., Laura Gray of Pampa, Dianna Powell of Hot Springs, Ark., Helen Bridwell and Maggie Martinez, both of Pampa, and Anne Griffith of Belmont, Calif.; and four brothers, Charles Martinez, Jr., and Martin Martinez, both of Pampa, Paul Martinez of Los Angeles, Calif., and David Martinez of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

### HERMA LOUISE BECKHAM OGLE

**AMARILLO** - Herma Louise Beckham Ogle, 82, sister of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Paramount Baptist Church with the Rev. F.M. Byford, of the church, and Trent Sisemore officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ogle was born at Palmer. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1935 and moved to Amarillo in 1940. She married Howard Sage Ogle in November of 1940; he died June 12, 1982. For 29 years, she was a bookkeeper at Lincoln Mercury automobile dealership, working as a bookkeeper for dealerships for a total of 55 years.

She was a charter member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa as a teen and later Olson Park Baptist Church in Amarillo, serving as church clerk, choir member and Sunday school teacher. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Harold T. Beckham of Pampa and George H. Beckham of Amarillo.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Joy Ogle Snell of Amarillo; a son, Melvin David Ogle of Fort Worth; three sisters, Edith B. Whalen of Albuquerque, N.M., and Freddie N. Bills and Julie B. Firestone, both of Amarillo; a brother, Doyle H. Beckham of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the music ministry at Paramount Baptist Church.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and report for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

Joe Fredrick Edmund, 37, 1105 S. Wells, was arrested on the charge of assault with injuries.

Compact disks valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a vehicle at the intersection of Harvester and Charles.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

Harmon Coy McCullar, 67, Ridgecrest, Calif., was arrested by DPS on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Carl Brown, 39, Lefors, was arrested by DPS on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

9:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Beryl and transported one to PRMC.

6:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Starkewer and transported one to PRMC.

9:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Frost and transported one to PRMC.

### Wednesday, Feb. 16

12:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

5:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Tuesday, Feb. 15

2:56 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville. No injuries were reported.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.25	dn 1/8
Milo	2.99	dn 1/8
Corn	1.43	dn 1/8
Soybeans	4.19	dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	18 1/16	up 1/8
Fidelity Magell	132 1/16	up 1/8
Putman	18 3/8	up 1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	48 1/2	up 1/8
Arco	70 1/2	up 1/8
Cabot	23 1/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	15 1/4	up 1/16
Chevron	78 3/8	up 1/16

Coca-Cola	54 5/16	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	22 3/4	dn 3/8
Enron	69 1/8	up 1/16
Halliburton	38 1/16	up 5/16
IRI	5	NC
KMI	27 1/2	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	49 9/16	up 1/16
Limited	33 1/2	dn 5/16
McDonald's	33 7/8	up 1/8
Exxon Mobil	80 1/8	up 1/16
New Atmos	17 7/8	up 7/16
NCF	28 7/16	up 1/2
Pennco	16 1/16	dn 1/2
Phillips	38 7/16	up 9/16
Pioneer Nat.	8	dn 1/16
SLB	65 7/8	up 7/8
Tenneco	8 3/16	dn 1/16
Texaco	50 5/8	up 9/16
Ultras	22 3/8	up 5/16
Wal-Mart	54 7/8	dn 1/8
Williams	44 7/16	up 15/16
New York Gold	301 7/8	
Silver	5 21/32	
West Texas Crude	30.34	

# Odds and ends ...

### Injuries abound at skate park

**ORANGE, Calif. (AP)** - The Vans Skate Park may be too extreme for the skateboarders it was designed for.

So many people have been injured at the park since it opened in November 1998 that doctors at the University of California at Irvine's Medical Center have decided to conduct a study.

A fractured back, bruised lung and shattered spleen are among the injuries doctors have seen. Every three days, they get a new patient from the park.

Based on the number of injuries seen by doctors, about one in every 1,600 riders is taken to the emergency room - even though helmets, knee and elbow pads are required.

"I thought, 'Holy cow, this is brutal!'" said Worth Everett, a third-year resident in emergency medicine who will head the study.

Everett and fellow resident Chris Fox hope the study will help make future skate parks safer. They are looking at the types of injuries and where they occur in the park, the cost of sending out emergency crews and other economic costs, such as lost work days.

A representative from Vans Inc. in Santa Fe Springs did not return telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday. The company has several skateboard parks in California.

### Wolf spider for state critter?

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)** - It might be South Carolina's new state critter and it's a scary handful.

Sen. Brad Lister, D-Orangeburg, and his 8-year-old son, Skyler, asked the Senate Judiciary

Committee on Tuesday to embrace the Carolina wolf spider.

The Carolina wren has been on the books for more than 50 years, and the striped bass and whitetail deer since 1972. More recently, the wild turkey, loggerhead sea turtle, a Carolina praying mantis, Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly and spotted salamander have been added to the list of South Carolina's favorite fauna.

The Carolina wolf spider at full size has a leg span wider than an adult's hand. It's the largest of the wolf spider species in North America.

Bestowing upon the critters a state symbol status could "help our children to learn," Hutto said. Skyler, for example, "knows all of them," he said.

The Judiciary Committee approved the measure and sent the spider bill to the Senate floor.

### No shortage of soaps liars

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Forget Jerry Springer. Some of the biggest lies on TV are on daytime soap operas.

That's what two graduate students at Brigham Young University have found after deciding to research just how many lies the characters on soaps tell.

EmmaLee Pryor and Suzanna Crage, students in BYU's communications department, conducted the research project called "Lying for Power: The Ethics of Lying Behavior in Soap Opera Relationships."

They found during one week of viewing that shows averaged five lies per hour, most often between people with close relationships. They also found female characters lied more than male characters.

## PISD

McVay said. McVay said PISD insurance coverage also included dental insurance, and \$10,000 of life insurance.

"And that's not common," McVay said. There are currently some 297 teachers in PISD, Jack Bailey, personnel director for PISD, said.

The Texas Federation of Teachers planned the first of several statewide town hall meetings on the issue of teacher insurance Thursday, Feb. 10, in Dallas.

Teachers across the state are asking for state-paid insurance coverage, like other state employees receive.

"We were disappointed last session that lawmakers did not pass ... House Bill 1294 into law. That would have given school employees state-paid health insurance comparable in cost and coverage

to that given to state employees," John Cole, president of the TFT, said.

Jeanna Miller, special education teacher at Pampa Middle School, and state-wide chairperson for the curriculum and instruction committee of Pampa's largest teacher's organization, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, said no plans are in the works for a town hall meeting in Pampa.

TFT and TSTA officials say poor health insurance coverage is a major contributor to the massive teacher shortage in Texas, according to the AP.

Of the 63,000 teacher vacancies in the 1998-1999 school year, about 5,700 were new positions, almost 11,000 were vacancies due to retirement and 46,600 were vacancies created when educators left the field, according to the State Board for Educator Certification. There were 250,000 teachers during the 1998-1999 school year.

School enrollment, meanwhile, is increasing about 70,000 students per year.

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## ROACH

and John Mann, incumbent district attorney, both attended last week's meeting. Charles Kessie, the lone Democrat, was also at the forum.

Roach is making a second attempt for the DA's position. Mann, who was on the Democratic ticket, and Roach, the Republican, faced off in the general election. Out of approximately 14,000 votes, only 500 votes separated the two candidates, said Roach.

Since seeking the position in the 1996 race, Roach has changed his opinion from that campaign on the need for at least a part time assistant DA. The 31st District Attorney position covers a five-county area - Gray, Roberts, Lipscomb, Hemphill and Wheeler. He said Monday he believes a potential conflict exists because two district courts, the 31st and 223rd, are served by the district attorneys' office.

He said the 100th district attorney's territory also serves five counties - Carson, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress - and does not have an assistant DA. But he said there is only one

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district court. Roach said the amount of crime that is dealt with in the 31st District signifies a need for an assistant. Approximately 35,000 residents live in the 31st DA District which is comprised by the five counties.

He said he believes the people of the 31st District deserve a fulltime prosecutor. Roach said the local district is one of two in the Panhandle which does not have a fulltime prosecutor. The other district is the 287th and is comprised of Farmer and Bailey counties.

A part time prosecutor is allowed to have a private practice along with the prosecutorial duties as a district attorney. Roach said when a part time prosecutor represents the five-county area, law prosecution can result.

He cited the number of felony indictments in the 31st district during 1998 as being 186. Of that number, there were 124 returned in Gray County.

He said the crime statistics locally have risen and he attributes the rise to drugs. He said he felt law prosecution encourages crime, and harsh prosecution deters crime.

# English springer follows champion bloodlines to big Westminster win

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Her father was a champion. Her breeder was a giant in the field. With odds like that in her favor, it was little wonder the English springer spaniel Samantha skipped so lightly to the head of the pack.

The 5 1/2-year-old dog, like her sire seven years ago, took best-in-show honors Tuesday night at the Westminster Kennel Club Show, sailing energetically on snowy, feathered feet to the sound of applause.

"I just depended on her to give me a good show, and she gave me a good show," handler Kellie FitzGerald said. "I can't describe the feeling at the end of the lead. She was just working. She was going around the ring, looking at the crowd, getting pumped up by it."

Samantha won the sporting group title earlier in the evening, then bested a favored standard poodle to win the 50th best-in-show title of her career, which will end now.

"She's going from here to be a mom," said FitzGerald, who's had worked with Samantha for her 2 1/2-year career. The dog will join her father, 1993 winner Sallilyn's Condor, at FitzGerald's home

in Troy, Mich.

Samantha - registered as Sallilyn 'N Erin's Shameless - is owned by Carl Blain and Fran Sunseri of Sacramento, Calif., and was bred and co-owned by Julia Gasow, who died in 1999 after devoting 63 years to the breed.

Samantha's toughest competition was perhaps Lake Cove That's My Boy, a standard poodle who earned the non-sporting group title Monday night. It was the third Westminster group win in a row for the 4-year-old, called Treason, or Tre.

The dog is the all-time leading standard poodle and non-sporting dog - the group win Monday was his 345th - and his last. Both dog and handler, Dennis McCoy, retired at the end of the competition - McCoy to become a judge, Tre to stand at stud with his breeder, Doris Lillenthal of Inverness, Fla.

Some 2,600 dogs in 156 breeds and varieties were seeking honors at the country's most prestigious dog competition. Westminster is a test of conformation, in which judges decide which dog best meets the American Kennel Club's standards of physique and temperament for its breed.

# Names in the news ...

**JACKSON, Mich. (AP)** - Rocker and outdoorsman Ted Nugent is closing his archery store here, but his custom blades, zebra hats and signature boys are just a mouse click or a phone call away.

"A disproportionate amount of our business is through catalogs and e-sales," the Motor City Madman said in Tuesday's editions of The Jackson Citizen Patriot. "This is a progressive move."

Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America and his other ventures, such as Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids, are being consolidated at his Concord ranch. Nugent says he's also outsourcing his sporting goods catalog business because of continued growth.

Meanwhile, Nugent and his band are rehearsing for one of his biggest tours in a decade. He'll do more than 100 concert dates with '70s rockers KISS.

**HONOLULU (AP)** - "Baywatch Hawaii" is asking the state for another financial life preserver to stay afloat.

Greg Bonann, creator and executive producer of the syndicated series, said the show needs \$2.5 million to close a

budget deficit or else it won't return to the airwaves.

"The (budget) situation is awful right now," Bonann said. "If we can't get assistance from the state, there's no chance the show is coming back. 'Baywatch' will be out of business, forever."

He said the financial crisis stems from a 50 percent drop in overseas revenues for the show's owners, Pearson Television.

The show is watched by about

100 million people in 148 countries.

In order to lure 'Baywatch' from Los Angeles last year after nine seasons there, Hawaii offered producers a \$3 million incentive package plus free airfare, hotel and car rentals. The private sector also chipped in to outbid Australia for at least 22 episodes.

The move was expected to generate \$35 million for the state over two years.

# City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

**COMET CLEANERS** Special-\$1.25 per shirt (limit 10) with 1 reg. price cleaning.

**L&P INTERIORS**, 110 S. Cuyler, Moving Sale, Feb. 15, 16, 17, 10-4 p.m. Antiques, furniture, glassware, desk & chair, primitives, collectibles, dolls & much more. Marked down 40-75%.

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** - Fair today with a high of 60 and variable winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, fair with a low of 38 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, clouds, a high of 60 and a chance of afternoon and evening showers. The overnight low was 38.

**STATEWIDE** - Spring-like conditions will continue today through Thursday for much of South Texas, while cooler temperatures have already made their way into the northern part of the state.

North Texas will see consider-

able cloudiness and colder weather, with high temperatures reaching the lower to mid 60s and cloudy, rainy conditions coming for the night.

By Thursday, the north will see cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and high temperatures in the lower 60s.

In West Texas, high temperatures today were forecasted to be in the lower 50s in the far north to the lower 80s in the far west and Big Bend Valley.

The area will be mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of showers and thunderstorms from the

eastern region of the Panhandle south into the Concho Valley. Low temperatures tonight will be in the 30s and 40s across the west.

The South Texas forecast today calls for partly to mostly sunny skies, with a slight chance of showers over the southeast.

Temperatures will warm into the upper 70s in the Hill Country to the lower 80s across the central and eastern part of the region.

Thermometer readings will be in the 50s in the Concho Valley and far south.

# Calendar of events

**TOASTMASTERS**  
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furns Cafeteria.  
**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM**  
The White Deer Land Museum

(112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

**HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION**  
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**EMMAUS REUNION**  
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

**SHRINE MEETING**  
A Shrine meeting is slated at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Sportman's Club located on South Barnes. Participants should bring a covered dish.

**MIP CLASSES**  
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**HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER**  
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Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905, (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

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## Valentine's Party



The "Put-Ons" provided entertainment at a Valentine's Day party at the Schneider House. The local Altrusa club sponsored the event. Above: (left-right) Margie Moore, JoAnn Wells, Ruby Davis and Gail Smith.

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# Wife Would Like to Cut Short Husband's Visit to Hairdresser

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married 34 years. We are both 63. For the last few years, our marriage has been strained, but we have never cheated on each other that I'm aware of.

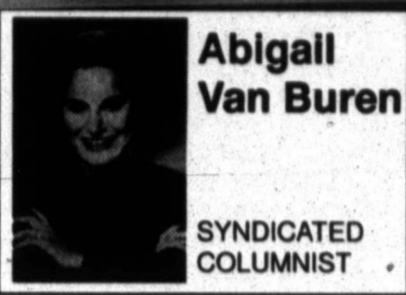
Now my husband is doing something I'm afraid spells trouble. A few months ago he started "helping" his female hairdresser learn how to use her computer at her house, which is close to ours. Then he decided he should "help her" buy a printer by taking the weekly sales ads from the Sunday paper to her house every Monday night. I knew nothing about it for the first couple of months. It just "slipped out" one night.

I thought he was working a lot of overtime on Mondays, and now he's consistently two hours late — but only on Monday nights.

When I told my husband I thought seeing her could lead to something more than business, he agreed. But he swears he only wants to help her because he admires her for raising her 10-year-old son alone, and she needs his help. He estimates it might take one and a half to two years to find her the right printer.

I say that's hogwash. I doubt that she's even looking — for a printer, that is. I think she's looking for a man, because she has no boyfriend and is very short on money.

I don't want to push him into doing anything if this is innocent, but I also don't want to be a fool and get dumped in the end. I have stuck



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

with this marriage through a lot of turmoil, and I think I deserve some loyalty. What do you think I should do?

**FAITHFUL IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR FAITHFUL:** Pay attention to your intuition. Finding a reliable, reasonably priced printer is as easy as visiting the library and checking out Consumer Reports. At most, it should take a couple of hours. That's a far cry from a year and a half.

I urge you to do the following: Seek the advice of an attorney who specializes in family law. It's important that you know what the laws are in your state that affect the division of family assets. If your husband is in business for himself, you may also need the advice of an accountant. If he's having an affair — and I'm willing to bet he is — he may have already started hiding money that belongs to both of you.

If you don't have your own

credit rating, establish one now. You may need it. Begin upgrading your job skills and prepare a resume in case you have to find a job.

Then give your husband an ultimatum — because you do deserve some loyalty, and you shouldn't have to share your husband with his hairdresser or any other woman.

**DEAR ABBY:** As a retired nurse, I think someone needs to correct the stereotyping of elderly people as complainers. There is a fine line between complaining and explaining.

The elderly in our society are, generally, people who have been hard workers most of their lives and, in my experience with them, are mostly embarrassed by their limitations. Also, families need to know the health history of their elders.

The next time Mom or Dad or Uncle Charlie seems to be complaining, listen up! You may be hearing something you'll need to know someday.

BEA HYVARE, R.N., FRIDLEY, MINN.

**DEAR BEA:** You could be right. However, if a relative complained repeatedly to me about the same ailments, my first response would be: "Does your doctor know how you've been feeling? What did he (or she) have to say about it?"

for. Confusion surrounds a money issue. You and another are clearly speaking a different language. Tonight: Indulge a little.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your personality melts another's resistance, causing him to tell all. You could be overwhelmed by the amount of information that comes forward! Confusion mounts because there is so much going on everywhere. Clarify and ask questions. Tonight: Let another reveal his feelings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Be sure of yourself when dealing with others. Taking an overview could reveal more information than you choose to deal with. Your manner wins friends at work and puts you ahead of the game. Still, keep certain thoughts private. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Others relate openly and have a lot to share. Something you have wanted for a long time becomes a reality. Examine what you want from a key partnership. Don't let your idealistic view of a child or loved one interfere with a decision. Tonight: Turn a meeting into a happening.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You are in the limelight. Others need your feedback, whether they are totally aware of it or not. A diplomatic course brings better results than being matter-of-fact. A family member clearly does everything possible to please you. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* The pace at work is rather hectic, but you can deal with it. Find the time to make an important call or to

reach out for a friend at a distance. Start thinking about a winter getaway. Confusion runs amok, but you are a lot clearer than you originally thought. Tonight: Rent a movie.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Work with partners; making them allies and trusted confidants allows greater good will. A moneymaking idea needs some testing and perhaps more brainstorming, but you are on to something. Don't hesitate to buy yourself a gift. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* So much is happening on the homefront that you are overwhelmed. Make positive choices. Listen carefully to others, who seem more in control than you do presently. Your caring comes through. You seem to understand another well. Tonight: Just not alone!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Pace yourself and clear out your work. You might need to screen your calls, as friends seek you out. Verify hunches. What you think is going on might not be. You could also be overly sensitive and reactive. Step back. Tonight: Clear your desk.  
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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination roll. Your ability to set a course and make it happen distinguishes you from others. Spending money might feel right if you eye the long-term implications. A friend might behave in a confusing way — or are you the one sending mixed signals? Tonight: Kicking up your heels.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your energy often throws others off. Your endurance seems nearly limitless when you have a goal in mind. Confusion surrounds another whom you put on a pedestal. Accept someone's praise; it is genuine. Follow through on a personal matter. Tonight: Head home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for others; make sure everyone is on the same page. A meeting could affect a long-term goal. Choose to not do anything halfway presently. Expand your friendships. Networking in a group proves to be successful. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Maintain a high profile. Be willing to put forth an extra effort to make what you want happen. One-on-one relating brings results you have wished

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 3 Flightless

- 1 Ineffectual bird
- 4 Cutting remarks
- 11 Postal truck
- 6 Model inscription
- 12 Den
- 13 Kind of network
- 14 Scandinavian capital
- 15 Slight wind
- 17 Dog's sound
- 20 Movie music
- 23 In the style of
- 24 Substituted
- 26 — Alamos
- 27 Target
- 28 Archaic
- 29 Draws air
- 31 First numero
- 32 Requires
- 33 Hearty dish
- 34 Scarcity
- 37 Velcro feature
- 39 Scents
- 43 Neighbor
- 44 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
- 45 Tiny pieces
- 46 Swift

**DOWN** 1 Enjoyable

- 2 Language suffix
- 5 Faded
- 7 One of the Fates
- 8 Launched a verbal attack
- 9 Feel queasy
- 10 Paid player
- 16 Tiny particles
- 17 Michael of Monty Python
- 18 Without help
- 19 Faded
- 21 Pooh's creator
- 22 Supply with grants
- 24 Chip dip
- 25 Draw
- 30 Experts
- 33 Radiated
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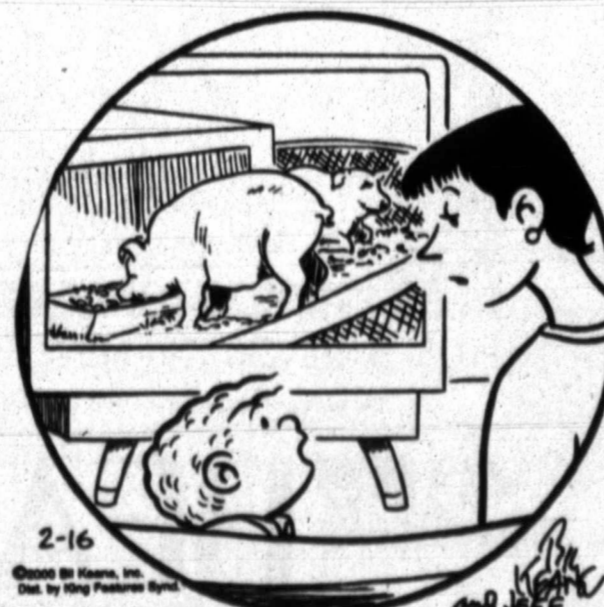
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# SPORTS

## Cowboys are looking for immediate repairs

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — From a new coach with the clear directive of improving the offense to the likely departure of Deion Sanders, the Dallas Cowboys are changing.

The team is making moves this offseason that prove the emphasis is on now. The only exception is that Dallas probably won't pay \$12.7 million to keep their All-Pro cornerback, who has publicly indicated his days in Dallas are over.

There is a simple explanation for the now, rather than later, philosophy — the aging star players from the Dallas teams that won three Super Bowl titles in the 1990s.

Quarterback Troy Aikman and running back Emmitt Smith, the remaining centerpieces from those Super Bowl winners, are getting older. While still produc-

ing, both have been in the NFL more than 10 years and are in their 30s; Aikman is 33 and Smith will be 31 in May.

When the free agency period began, the Cowboys quickly acquired big-play receiver Joey Galloway from Seattle, who played in only six regular-season games last year after a long contract dispute.

The signing of Galloway cost the Cowboys two first-round draft picks and \$42 million over seven years. That's fine with Jerry Jones, a team owner more interested in the immediate impact of a proven five-year NFL veteran than any drafted player that would take the investment of time.

"This is a proven commodity who does not have the uncertainty of a rookie," Jones said. "He can impact our team immediately, and we are operating under the philosophy of doing whatever necessary to win in 2000."

Galloway, 28, has three 1,000-yard seasons in the NFL. The Seahawks, looking at the future, gave the unhappy receiver up for the Cowboys' 19th overall pick in April and another first-round draft pick next year.

Like Chan Gailey who got only two seasons, new Cowboys head coach Dave Campo knows he probably won't be given very long to prove he was the right choice. He believes Galloway is the first step toward immediate improvement.

Fields was fired two days after another first-round playoff loss that followed an 8-8 regular season. The Cowboys haven't won a playoff game since 1996, a year after their last Super Bowl title.

"There is no question in my mind we have the nucleus of a team to be able to get us back, but we have to improve the whole roster," Campo said. "There is no question that this gives us another bullet in the gun, and keeps the bullet from anyone else."

Galloway will line up opposite Raghib Ismail, giving Aikman a receiving tandem that Jones believes can rival any in Cowboys history — even the Michael Irvin-Alvin Harper combo that Aikman threw to in the first half of the 1990s.

The Cowboys last week turned down a \$3 million contract option on the 33-year-old Irvin, who played only four games last season before a season-ending and possible career-ending neck injury.

Having both Galloway and Ismail on the field should provide two positive results for the Cowboys. Opposing teams shouldn't be able to put too much emphasis on either receiver and would face a difficult decision in stacking the line in an effort to slow Smith.

## Notebook

### GENERAL

**HARLINGEN, Texas (AP)** — The Harlingen and San Benito school districts are considering legal action against the UIL for its recent realignment which has both districts competing against Corpus Christi schools.

During special board meetings Tuesday night, the districts voted to hire Austin lawyer William C. Bednar to represent them in any possible legal action.

The University Interscholastic League realignment earlier this month sent the Harlingen and San Benito school districts to District 29-5A, where they will compete with five Corpus Christi schools.

Last week, both districts voted to appeal the UIL's realignment. They ask

### OLYMPICS

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)** — The verbal war between NBC sports president Dick Ebersol and outspoken corporate critic David D'Alessandro is over.

The two men, who exchanged pointed barbs last year over the Salt Lake City Olympic scandal, are ready to do business again.

D'Alessandro, president and chief executive officer of John Hancock Financial Services, pulled out of negotiations with NBC for Olympic ads a year ago.

But the two men spoke Tuesday and agreed to begin talks on a new contract worth around \$20 million.

"His TV sales people and our TV advertising people will sit down in the next two weeks and work out the arrangements so that he'll be an NBC sponsor for Sydney, and hopefully in our coverage of the Olympics beyond," Ebersol told The Associated Press from New York.

The deal could be completed within a month, Ebersol said.

Ebersol spoke shortly after D'Alessandro, the most vocal corporate critic of the Olympic movement, signed a deal with the International Olympic Committee to continue as a worldwide sponsor of the games.

John Hancock renewed for a four-year period covering the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake and the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece. The deal was valued at more than \$50 million.

Early last year, D'Alessandro canceled talks with NBC for ads during Olympic telecasts to protest the IOC's handling of the bribery scandal centered on Salt Lake City's winning bid.

NBC has a \$3.5 billion deal with the IOC for the U.S. television rights to five Olympics between 2000 and 2008.

Last April, Ebersol publicly accused D'Alessandro of making "cynical" and "self-serving" attacks on the IOC, described him as a "bully" motivated by a thirst for publicity.

## Groom girls claim bi-district victory

**MEMPHIS** — Groom sneaked by Memphis 40-39 in a girls' Class 1A bi-district game Tuesday night.

Carrie Davis was high scorer for Groom with 13 points. Tonica Newsome had 20 points to lead Memphis.

Others who scored for the Tigerettes were Jessica Kepley with 8 points, Krisanne Davis 7, Jodi Homen 6 and Candace Bohr 6.

Groom improved its record to 15-9.

**AMARILLO** — Fort Elliott downed Gruver 52-48 Tuesday night in a Class 1A girls' bi-district clash.

Amber Estes and Ashley Estes had 17 and 16 points respectively to lead the Lady Cougars.

Lisa Johnson topped Memphis in scoring with 13 points.

**PAMPA** — Dumas handed Pampa a 56-52 loss in the sea-

### High School Basketball

son's final game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Demons hit 7 of 8 free throw attempts in the final quarter to help turn back the Harvesters.

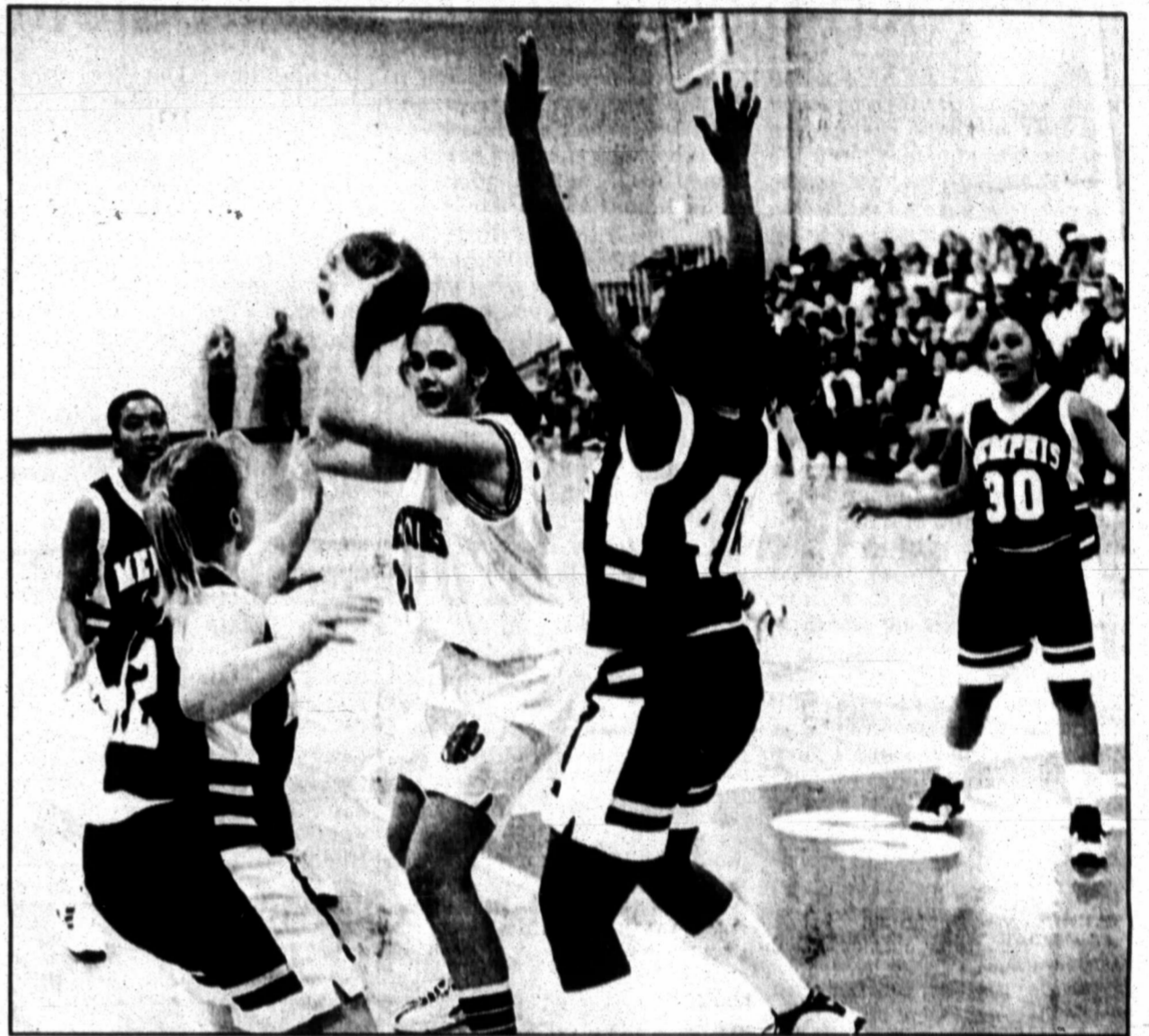
Joe Marion had 15 points and Chris Washington 14 to lead Dumas in scoring.

Leading Pampa was Jesse Francis with 12 points, followed by Kirk George with 11.

Also scoring for Pampa were Casey Owens with 8 points, Tanner Hucks 5, Gary Alexander 5, Russell Robben 4, Adam Rodgers 3, Reece Hartman 2, Victor Brooks 1 and Derek Williams 1.

Pampa finished the season with a 9-18 record.

They tied with Dumas for fifth place in the district standings at 2-8.



(Pampa News photo)

Jessica Kepley (with ball) scored 8 points in Groom's bi-district win over Memphis.

## Kansas City says farewell

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Derrick Thomas was recalled as a man who packed more living into 33 years than most men do in 70.

"This was a man who lived 28 hours in 24 every day," Kansas City Chiefs general manager Carl Peterson told several thousand people Tuesday in a moving tribute to the nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker.

"Maybe that's why from time to time he was also a bit late."

Current and former players, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and baseball Hall of Famer George Brett gathered in Kemper Arena for the service, which lasted almost 3 1/2 hours.

Thomas, 33, died Feb. 8 of complications from an accident Jan. 23 that killed his best friend and left the pass-rushing specialist

paralyzed from the chest down.

After being transferred to a hospital in Miami, Thomas was thought to be improving until a pulmonary embolism suddenly ended his life. Neither he nor his friend was wearing a seat belt, and both were thrown from their car.

A third passenger, who was wearing his seat belt, walked away with minor injuries.

"It's taken Derrick's death for me to buckle my seat belt," Chiefs coach Gunter Cunningham said. "But I'll wear it every time I get in my car."

Almost everyone wore No. 58 buttons in honor of Thomas, whose jersey No. 58 will be retired by the Chiefs.

## Harvesters split district matches

**PAMPA** — Pampa lost a 1-0 shootout to Canyon last weekend, but the Harvesters bounced back with a 3-0 win over Borger in District 3-4A boys' soccer action Tuesday.

"We've got a good team, but we've just been unlucky, at getting the ball in the goal," said Pampa coach John True.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Soccer Association is holding signups through Saturday at T-Shirts & More.

### Soccer

Signup times are from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To participate, a child must be four years old by July 31, 1999.

Parents need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to the signups.

Players who participate in the fall season do not need to

sign up. Cost of the program is \$30. This includes jersey, shorts, socks and insurance.

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# Friends and family, fans to remember Tom Landry

DALLAS (AP) — The private Tom Landry and the public Tom Landry were two very different people. Fittingly, two different memorial services will be held to remember the former Dallas Cowboys coach.

Landry will be laid to rest in a private burial Thursday morning. At noon, a memorial ceremony is planned for family and friends at Highland Park United Methodist Church, where Landry was a member for 43 years.

At 4 p.m., a tribute co-hosted by Landry's former players and the city of Dallas will take place at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

Both events are likely to be standing room only.

The church holds 800 and will have a live audio and video feed provided in a chapel. The Meyerson holds about 2,100, but a basement reception area and the

lobby can hold another 650, said Margie Reese, director of the city's office of cultural affairs.

"The earlier you get to the symphony center, the better your chances are of getting into the concert hall," she said.

Another private gathering of players and coaches was to be held tonight. The location was not disclosed.

Landry died Saturday of leukemia, which he'd been fighting for nine months. He was 75.

Ministers Mark Craig and Kenneth M. Dickson will lead the church service. The order of worship includes several scripture readings, hymns and other prayers in memory of a man who considered faith the most important aspect of his life. Landry often said his priorities were God, family and football — in that order.

But the football side is what made Landry so famous, and so

beloved.

For 29 years, the man roaming the sideline in a fedora hat was "the only coach the Cowboys ever had." He guided Dallas to 270 victories, third-most in NFL history, and five Super Bowls. His teams won two world championships and the nickname "America's Team."

Speakers for the public service include Pro Football Hall of Famer Bob Lilly, Roger Staubach and Sam Huff, former Cowboys player and assistant coach Dan Reeves and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Other speakers include Tex Schramm, the general manager who hired Landry and was with him for all 29 seasons; Ann Murchison, the widow of Cowboys founder Clint Murchison Jr.; and former Cowboys Don Perkins and Rayfield Wright.



(Special photo)

Rookie State Champions from Pampa are (l-r) Richard Leal, Zachary Bradley, Trevor Collins, Kade Wilson and Steven Botello.

# Popovich blasts Spurs after defeat

CLEVELAND (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs didn't get excited until after the game. That's when their coach tried to redecorate the locker room with his bare hands.

Coach Greg Popovich's postgame tirade made quite an impression on the Spurs following their uninspired 92-81 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

"Coach went a little wild," Tim Duncan said.

At least someone from San Antonio showed some emotion.

Playing with little intensity, the defending NBA champion Spurs were outthrust, outbounded and outplayed by the Cavs.

Afterward, Popovich blasted his team, taking out some frustration on a chalkboard and locker.

Popovich didn't excuse his team's behavior or his own.

"It was the worst exhibition of effort and basketball that I have seen all season long by any team," Popovich said. "We're pretty disappointed. I obviously expressed that. You could probably hear it. A locker ran into me, a chalkboard ran into me."

Duncan scored 21 points and Robinson had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who looked like they were still enjoying the All-Star break.

"We came in really flat," Robinson said. "It was like we were still on vacation."

Conversely, the Cavs were into it from the opening tip.

"Everybody was up for this game," said rookie guard Andre Miller, who scored 20 points and hit a key 3-pointer in the fourth quarter. "That shows we can play with anybody in this league."

Lamond Murray added 27 points for the Cavs, who snapped a four-game losing streak as they tried to put a little distance between themselves and an injury-filled first half of the season.

"It was very important to win and get back to the way we played in the beginning," Murray said. "We want to make this a whole new season. Now we have to do it again, and again."

Shawn Kemp had 14 points in 28 foul-plagued minutes and Mark Bryant had 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who started a hobbling Brevin Knight at point guard and were without Bob Sura.

Miller's 3-pointer with 3:35 left was the biggest shot of the game. Alone on the wing, Miller initially hesitated before knocking down the 3 to give the Cavs an 88-76 lead.

Miller, who made three straight 3-pointers during the weekend in the Rookie All-Star Challenge, said he almost passed up the shot.

"I was wide open, but guys had to tell me to shoot," the soft-spoken Miller said. "I was going to stand there and dribble out the clock."

Miller and Murray put the Cavs in position to win, combining for 14 points in the third quarter when Cleveland outscored San Antonio 27-15 to take control.

Miller is making it increasingly difficult for Cavs coach Randy Wittman to justify not

starting him. The first-round draft pick from Utah, who improves with each game, added seven assists and made just one turnover in 33 minutes.

Late in the third quarter, he scored four points and made a nice assist to a slashing Murray for a dunk as the Cavs closed the period with a 14-4 run to take a 70-61 lead after three.

Notes: Realizing he may have a point guard controversy on his hands, Wittman said he would let Knight and Miller sort themselves out. ... Murray added 12 rebounds and is averaging 21.2 points in his last five games. ... Indians All-Star center fielder Kenny Lofton, expected to be sidelined until the All-Star break following shoulder surgery, was at the game. ... Duncan, averaging 13.1 rebounds, didn't get any in the first half. He got his first one on a loose ball with about eight minutes left in the third and finished with five.

# Gymnast has Olympic dreams

AUSTIN (AP) — Katie Hardman had spent all of a month in gymnastics lessons when the 7-year-old said, "Oh yeah, I want to go to the Olympics."

Big dreams in elementary school are closer now than ever for Hardman, who at 16 has been invited to Bela Karolyi's ranch outside of Houston as one of the elite gymnasts in the running for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team.

Hardman was one of 15 gymnasts invited back for Karolyi's second pre-Olympic training camp later this month.

Among those who didn't make the cut were Dominique Moceanu and Jaycie Phelps, two members of the team that won the gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Others invited to Karolyi's camp are 1996 Olympic veterans Shannon Miller, Amy Chow, and others such as 1997 national champion Vanessa Atler, two-time

defending national champion Kristen Maloney — and Hardman.

"Goals are something you can attain with desire and hard work," Hardman's mother, Elynn, told the Austin American-Statesman. "Dreams are those things that you also have to have some luck to get. The Olympics are becoming less of a dream and more of a goal."

Hardman set her sights on the Olympics early. She got her first gymnastics lessons for her seventh birthday.

"I spent half an hour at level one," she said. "The second time they moved me to level three. Then I made the next level in about a month."

Hardman now trains at National Elite Gymnastics in Austin, where she puts in three hours a day from 7-10 a.m. before heading off to Hays High School.

# Daytona 500 qualifier race pits Fords vs. Earnhardt's Chevy

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A horde of Fords vs. Dale Earnhardt's Chevrolet in a Daytona 500 qualifying race. Sounds like a fair fight to Larry McReynolds.

After all, Earnhardt has won one of the two 125-mile qualifying races in each of the past 10 years and has captured 12 of them overall.

McReynolds was Earnhardt's crew chief for part of the 1998 season and remains at Richard Childress Racing in the same role with Mike Skinner.

He is convinced the first of Thursday's 125-milers will be a preview of Sunday's main event.

"It's going to be hard to beat those Fords, especially that 88 and 28," McReynolds said, referring to Robert Yates Racing's Taurus of Dale Jarrett and Ricky Rudd, who already have the front row starting spots for the 500.

The qualifying races determine positions 3-30 in the Daytona 500, with the rest of the 43-car field filled by qualifying speeds from time trials and last year's team owner points.

The two rounds of time trials

# Rookie State champs crowned

AMARILLO — The Pampa Takedown Club brought home five Rookie State Champions from a tournament last month in Amarillo.

"That is very good for our club. We are still new to the sport, it just being our third year," said club member Christy Wall. "The boys wrestled very well. We are very proud of the boys and what they've accomplished."

Pampa results are as follows:

**ROOKIE STATE CHAMPIONS**

**Division One**  
52 pounds: Steven Botello;

**Wrestling**

65 pounds: Zachary Bradley.  
**Division Two**  
52 pounds: Kade Wilson.  
**Division Three**  
55 pounds: Richard Leal; 70 pounds: Trevor Collins.

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AMARILLO — High school wrestlers from Randall and Caprock are preparing for the state tournament Feb. 25-26 in Austin.

Randall won the boys' title

and Caprock claimed the girls' championship at last weekend's Region 1 Tournament at Tascosa Activity Center.

Randall was led in victories by Guillermo Sanchez (125-pound division), Shane Hugg (135-pound division) and Michael Sherrill (140-pound division).

The Raiders totaled 153 points. El Paso Eastwood placed second with 125.5 points.

Caprock's Lady Longhorns outpointed Palo Duro 148-109 to take the girls' title.

# Scoreboard

PRO BASKETBALL							
<b>National Basketball Association</b>							
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All Times EST							
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>							
<b>Atlantic Division</b>							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Miami	31	17	.646	—			
New York	29	19	.604	2			
Philadelphia	27	23	.540	5			
Orlando	24	26	.480	8			
Boston	22	28	.440	10			
New Jersey	19	31	.380	13			
Washington	15	35	.300	17			
<b>Central Division</b>							
Indiana	32	16	.667	—			
Charlotte	28	20	.583	4			
Toronto	27	21	.563	5			
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	6 1/2			
Detroit	25	24	.510	7 1/2			
Atlanta	20	28	.417	12			
Cleveland	20	30	.400	13			
Chicago	10	38	.208	22			
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>							
<b>Midwest Division</b>							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
San Antonio	32	18	.640	—			
Utah	29	19	.604	2			
Minnesota	27	21	.563	4			
Denver	22	27	.449	9 1/2			
Houston	21	30	.412	11 1/2			
Dallas	20	29	.408	11 1/2			
Vancouver	14	34	.292	17			
<b>Pacific Division</b>							
Portland	30	11	.729	—			
L.A. Lakers	30	11	.729	—			
Seattle	32	20	.615	8			
Phoenix	30	19	.612	8 1/2			
Sacramento	30	19	.612	8 1/2			
Golden State	12	36	.250	26			
L.A. Clippers	11	39	.220	28			
<b>NBA Standings</b>							
<b>Monday's Games</b>							
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>							
Charlotte 95, Philadelphia 93							
Toronto 91, New York 70							
Atlanta 103, New Jersey 86							
Cleveland 92, San Antonio 81							
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<b>Wednesday's Games</b>							
Denver 107, Minnesota 104, OT							
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Portland 92, Golden State 83							
Phoenix 117, Sacramento 108							
<b>Thursday's Games</b>							
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.							
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.							
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.							
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.							
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.							
Washington at Vancouver, 10 p.m.							
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<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>							
<b>Atlantic Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	36	15	6	4	82	181	132
Philadelphia	28	17	10	1	67	161	129
Pittsburgh	25	25	5	5	60	174	164
N.Y. Rangers	24	25	9	3	60	164	160
N.Y. Islanders	15	35	6	1	39	131	189
<b>Northwest Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	30	21	6	3	69	169	154
Ottawa	27	20	9	2	65	155	142
Buffalo	23	26	8	2	56	141	145
Boston	18	24	15	4	45	146	164
Montreal	20	28	7	3	50	126	136
<b>Southeast Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	32	20	4	3	71	175	139
Washington	28	19	9	1	66	151	135
Carolina	24	26	8	0	56	149	161
Tampa Bay	12	36	7	6	37	142	209
Atlanta	11	39	6	4	32	121	205
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>							
<b>Central Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	36	15	6	0	78	177	118
Chicago	34	17	6	1	75	192	148
Nashville	20	31	6	5	51	149	175
Chicago	19	29	7	2	47	157	176
<b>Northwest Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	21	22	15	7	64	159	150
Colorado	27	23	8	1	63	157	149
Calgary	23	28	6	4	56	140	170
Vancouver	17	28	10	6	50	141	164
<b>Pacific Division</b>							
	W	L	T	TRT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	31	20	5	2	69	135	121
Phoenix	30	20	6	1	67	166	148
San Jose	25	29	7	7	64	165	154
Los Angeles	26	22	7	3	62	175	180
Anaheim	24	26	8	1	57	151	157
Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.							
<b>Monday's Games</b>							
Carolina 5, Toronto 2							
Montreal 4, Florida 1							
Pittsburgh 3, Vancouver 0							
Anaheim 4, Chicago 3							
Detroit 3, Phoenix 1							
Los Angeles 4, Calgary 3, OT							
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>							
Ottawa 5, Carolina 1							
Washington 2, Colorado 1							
New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 2							
San Jose 4, N.Y. Islanders 1							
N.Y. Rangers 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie							
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 1							
Edmonton 2, Nashville 1							
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Calgary at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.							
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Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.							
Colorado at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.							
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.							
Montreal at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.							

# Michigan State takes over first place

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — It made perfect sense to Mateen Cleaves: Michigan State needs more 3-pointers to win the Big Ten for the third straight time.

Cleaves made three of the No. 6 Spartans' eight 3s as they took over sole possession of first place in the conference with an 83-72 win over No. 7 Ohio State on Tuesday night.

"That gives us another weapon," said Cleaves, who stays up to 40 minutes after practice to shoot 3-pointers. "I think a lot of teams have been playing me to pass. I think it's important that I go out there and knock a few shots down."

Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien, ejected 5 1/2 minutes into the second half, said the Buckeyes would rather have Cleaves firing from long range than driving the lane.

"Not only does he get in and create contact and make baskets, but he gets everybody else involved," O'Brien said. "So you have to give something up, and tonight he made a few baskets."

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 11 Florida beat Arkansas 80-71.

O'Brien felt it was a costly defeat, even though the Buckeyes are still in the chase for the conference title.

"They (the Spartans) still have

some tough games. So do we," O'Brien said. "It all depends on how everybody plays."

The Spartans (19-6, 9-2) were 7-of-9 on 3-pointers while rolling to a 44-33 halftime lead. They finished 8-for-20 for the game.

Ohio State (17-5, 8-3), which fell into a tie with Indiana and Pof-10 from 3-point range on his way to 30 points for the Buckeyes. That was a season-high and matched Penn's career high. Michael Redd added 18 points for the Buckeyes.

"We have to give Ohio State a lot of credit," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Scoonie and Michael came back and hit some big shots, and it seemed like we could put it away, but we just couldn't put it away."

Morris Peterson had 26 points and 11 rebounds for his fifth double-double. Cleaves finished with 24 points and Charlie Bell added 23 for the Spartans, who forced 14 turnovers and came up with eight steals.

"This is definitely going to stand out," said Peterson, who scored 20 points in a 78-67 loss at Ohio State on Jan. 20. "Years from now, when I'm done playing, I'll still enjoy this one."

It was the 25th straight win at home for the Spartans.

"Nobody had to tell us this was an important game," Bell said.

"We were trying to protect home floor, and this was for first place in the Big Ten. I don't think you need too much more motivation than that."

The importance of this game was apparent from the opening tip. Both teams made it to the Final Four last season and played like a No. 1 seed in this season's tournament might be at stake, even though O'Brien denied it.

"We're not concerned with a No. 1 seed," O'Brien said. "We're still trying to get into the (NCAA) tournament. I don't know how anybody else feels, but I don't think we're a lock for the tournament by any means."

O'Brien was ejected by referee Tom O'Neill after picking up his second technical foul. Assistant Rick Boyages ran the team the rest of the way.

"First of all, I did not like the way I was being treated by O'Neill," O'Brien said. "There were no obscenities. He just called a technical on me from across the way."

"On the second one, I was trying to get his attention, and he just refused to acknowledge me. He just kept walking away. I tapped him on the shoulder."

O'Neill said coaches are supposed to stay in the huddle during timeouts.

# PHS business students celebrating Business Professionals of America Week

Pampa High School business students will be organizing a variety of activities to promote Business Professionals of America Week this week, Feb. 14-18. Business Professionals of America is a national vocational student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world. Members are having many activities during the week to help promote BPA.

On Monday, members made Valentine sacks for the Senior Development students and delivered them to the students personally. Also, members showed their appreciation to the Pampa High School

faculty by giving them a Valentine surprise.

On Tuesday, members delivered stationary to Coronado Nursing Center residents.

Today members held a chapter lunch to fellowship with each other. A presentation by Mr. Stowers of Culberson Stowers was also on the agenda.

Thursday is Boss Appreciation Day for Business Education Cooperative students. Students will show their appreciation to their cooperative employers with a gift. Also on Thursday, all graduates who were members of BPA are invited to a reception at 5:30 p.m. in

the Vocational Building Room 2.

Friday BPA members will join DECA members in hosting an open house. Anyone interested in either organization is invited to attend. The open house will be from 7:30-11 a.m. Any one wishing to attend should go to the Vocational Building Room 1. Members of the chapters will be there to greet you, take you on a tour of the labs and serve you refreshments.

The intent of Business Professionals Week is to let the Pampa chapter better inform the community about the organization. Students who are members of BPA

must be enrolled in a business course. The club is designed to provide leadership and growth opportunities for the students so they will be more productive in the work environment. The organization also has a foundation based on knowledge about the business world, patriotism, service and concern for the community and school, and friendship with other members.

All business cooperative education students are members of BPA. The business cooperative education program is for juniors and seniors who want to gain hands-on work experience in a business office while still in high school. Students attend classes at the high school in the mornings and then work in an office in the afternoon. Students leave the cooperative program with job experience that can be used to obtain full-time employment, help with a part-time job while attending college or provide a foundation for post secondary education.

For more information about Business Professionals of America or to obtain a part-time business education student through the cooperative program, contact Sherrell Wheeler at the high school.

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# Garfield Syndrome: Vets bemoaning glut of overweight cats and dogs

NEW YORK (AP) — The experts recommend more exercise, low-fat diets and fewer snacks. It can be tough medicine for doting pet owners, let alone for their overweight pets.

Fat cats may be celebrities in comic strips, but real-life obesity among America's cats — and dogs — is no joke. Veterinarians consider it the leading health problem, affecting an estimated 30 percent of cats and dogs.

"Our dogs and cats are eating themselves to death," warns Evan Kirk of the Brewer Animal Hospital in Springfield, Ill. "Their lifespan is short enough already, without making them even shorter by allowing obesity to occur."

To meet the threat, pet-food manufacturers offer diet products almost as diverse as those for humans. One company produces Norwegian kelp for dogs; others promote "holistic dog food" that combines grains, vegetables, fruits and herbal supplements.

Julie Churchill operates a weight-loss clinic at the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"The average American dog these days is a couch potato," she says. "Our mental concept of a healthy puppy is a roly-poly overweight puppy."

She advises owners to reduce the quantity and richness of treats they offer their pets.

Some cat owners seem blasé about their pet's waistline, according to a survey released last week by Ralston Purina, the pet food company.

Nearly half the 577 owners didn't know how to determine if their cat was too fat. About 40 percent of those who admitted owning a fat cat also said they were doing nothing about it.

Veterinarians say it's simple to recognize too much weight: Pets will have lost that hourglass waist, and it will be difficult to feel their ribs.

Kirk identifies overweight pets as "gluttons" who never seem to get enough and "easy keepers" who eat more moderately but have a slow metabolism.

Sedentary people tend to have sedentary pets, Kirk says, and owners who enjoy high-calorie

diets tend to pamper their pets with high-calorie treats.

"Pets can have a lot of control over their owners," he says. "When people feed their pet, they see the response, and it makes them feel good."

New York City publicist Erica Fineberg says only one of her cats really needs to lose weight. "He does get his exercise, though," Fineberg says of Jack, a 20-pound Mancoon. "My other two cats chase him because he's always after their food."

In Gaithersburg, Md., Betty, a yellow Labrador, lost 15 pounds following a veterinarian's recommendation. Owner Bill Deller's regimen for Betty included daily two-mile runs and a switch from canned to dry dog food.

"She wouldn't eat it at first — she was looking for more," he says. "But it was either that or not eat."

Like overweight humans, obese pets are vulnerable to health problems: diabetes, arthritis, and skin, heart or urinary tract diseases. Especially prone to obesity are spayed pets, and those living in apartments.

"It's humanly impossible for most dog owners to exercise a dog the way they need to be," says Randy Klein, co-owner of a pet health-food store in New York City.

She adds that even regular pet food can keep a pet trim.

"It's not so much what people are feeding their pets as how," she says. "A lot of people are leaving food in their bowls all day."

Experts say pet obesity worsens as food gets tastier and busy owners grow lax. With dogs, exercise can be increased through longer or more frequent walks.

Cats are less likely to embrace such a program, but some enjoy strenuous play, and others can learn to walk on a leash.

"The earlier you start, the easier," says Churchill, who takes one of her cats on walks.

"Trying to teach an old, obese cat to walk on a leash is pretty tricky."

# Texas round up ...

## Four teens arrested in restaurant blaze that killed two firefighters

HOUSTON (AP) — One night they were busy burglarizing a McDonald's, police said, using a blowtorch to cut into the safe for a much larger payday than any of them made in their own jobs at another franchise in the fast-food chain.

Less than 24 hours later, the three young men were rounded up and accused of two counts of murder each because an inferno at the restaurant killed veteran firefighters Lewis Mayo III, 44, and Kimberly Mayo, 30.

Allen Jerome Davis, 17, and brothers Pedro Isreal Loreda, 19, and Juan Manuel Torres, 17, were being held on \$25,000 bond each and awaited an initial court appearance this morning, according to prosecutors.

Their alleged 15-year-old accomplice, who worked at the restaurant that burned Monday and was demolished Tuesday, remained in custody pending juvenile charges. He eventually could be charged as an adult under Texas law.

"We questioned the employee, and ultimately that led to other suspects in the case," Houston police Capt. Richard Holland said. "Warrants were obtained for all the individuals involved and they were subsequently arrested, questioned and then confessed their involvement."

## Fossil cave donated to Concordia University

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas cave where researchers believe prehistoric cats once feasted on mammoths has been donated to a private college in Austin.

"This represents a great research opportunity for the university ...," said Concordia University President David Zersen, after an announcement on the donation of the Freisenhahn Cave to the school.

The Freisenhahn Cave is in Bulverde, in northern Bexar County. A family whose daughter graduated from Concordia donated the cave, named after the Freisenhahn family, which last owned it in 1952.

The donors didn't want their identities revealed, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Aside from the La Brea Tar Pits in California, Concordia officials say there is no site in the United States that has yielded a greater variety of significant Ice Age vertebrate fossils.

## Insurance Department helps Texas Holocaust victims

AUSTIN (AP) — A statewide search for Holocaust survivors who may have unpaid insurance policies has netted more than 100 people who could receive money owed to victims and their heirs, according to Texas officials.

State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said Tuesday his agency has forwarded 105 claims from Texans to an international team of experts in New York and London since 1998.

He said that no Holocaust survivors or their heirs who live in Texas have yet received any compensation for the policies.

Montemayor's announcement came as International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims international Holocaust announced the opening of telephone information centers in 41 nations, one of many steps planned to alert those eligible for the program.

The commission announced that people who believe they or their families have unsettled policies bought between 1920 and 1945 may file claims

## Counterfeiting at high schools draws eye of Secret Service

DALLAS (AP) — High school students in North Texas apparently have found a way to make money, but it's not the kind of moneymaking that federal investigators would approve of.

Teenagers at two area high schools are being investigated for crafting counterfeit money and then trying to pass it off for real cash, police said.

The illegal activity has even caught the eye of the Secret Service, which is looking into an incident at Dallas' W.T. White High School earlier this academic year in which a student allegedly tried to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill.

The cash was crafted on a computer, school and federal officials said Tuesday.

Secret Service officials declined to say how many cases of juvenile counterfeiting it has investigated.

## Closing of twin plant deals blow to tiny town

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Already hit hard by drought, the tiny West Texas town of Balmorhea now must cope with the loss of its only real industry.

The company that owns a bicycle distribution center in Balmorhea and two assembly plants in the border town of Ojinaga, Mexico, plans to close them by the end of June and move production to Asia.

The closures mean 750 people in Ojinaga and 24 in Balmorhea will lose their jobs.

"I thought there was room to advance to a higher position — a foreman or something," said Antonio Contreras, a 23-year-old forklift operator at the distribution center. "Now it's just kind of down the drain."

Contreras said he is one of the lucky ones: He has already lined up a job as a machinist in Odessa, 100 miles away.

## Elsewhere:

**MENTALLY ILL INMATES:** Texas must avoid having its prisons and jails become warehouses for the mentally ill, mental health advocates told state lawmakers Tuesday. According to a state study given to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Texas prisons had about 15,700 inmates receiving treatment for mental illness in 1998 while county jails had an estimated 5,900 receiving psychiatric drugs. ... **WACO GUNFIRE TEST:** Despite a federal judge's indication that he won't allow public access to a test to determine whether the FBI fired on Branch Davidians in 1993, media lawyers filed a motion in federal court Tuesday arguing the public's right to know outweighs any government security claims. The re-creation is designed to find out whether gunfire can be detected by an infrared camera. ... **INSURANCE LAWSUITS:** Attorney General John Cornyn sued 16 auto insurance companies Tuesday, claiming the companies illegally deducted money for repairs from policyholders' claim payments. Cornyn is seeking refunds for consumers as well as fines. The maximum fine is \$10,000 per violation. ... **MARSHALL-DRUG RING:** Federal and local law enforcement agents said Tuesday they arrested 20 people, ranging in age from 19 to 62, connected with a crack cocaine ring. The group is believed to have been responsible for 95 percent of the crack trafficking in the Marshall area.

# Panties legit to throw from parade floats

GRETNA, La. (AP) — The debate was serious. The vote unanimous. The law, however, seemed a little goofy.

It's now legal here to throw panties from Carnival floats.

"So we're pro-panties — it's on the record," Gretna City Councilman Vincent Cox joked after the 4-0 vote Monday night.

The council did vote to make it illegal to throw anything that depicts "male or female gen-

italia, is lewd or lascivious and includes, but is not limited to, condoms and inflatable paraphernalia."

Panties originally were listed after condoms in a draft of the bill, but that language was deleted after parade organizers protested.

"If panties are sexually explicit and vulgar, why are they exposed in every department store in the nation?" asked Mike

Entwisle, captain of the party group Elks Krewe of Gretna.

Grady Richards, captain of the West Bank Social and Marching Club, firmly agreed. "Panties have been a legitimate throw for Mardi Gras for years!" he said.

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